

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

As any conscientious card-carrying parent will tell you, trying to keep up with the changing theories on child-rearing is like watching a tennis match, the only difference being that often you feel like you're being used as the ball itself.

Consider tonsils. One year they're IN, the next year OUT. The only difficulty being that no surgical operation has been devised to reinstall tonsils, which act as "trusted guardians to keep germs from entering the throat," as heralded by some members of the medical profession.

Then there's the "permissive" versus "hard knocks" school of discipline. And oh yes, should or should not lefthanded children be taught to use their right hand? (The latest theory is that they should be taught to use the right hand, because it's a righthanded world. But try to tell THAT to a lefthanded pitcher making \$100,000 a year!)

Consequently, I was not surprised to read the other day that a distinguished panel of pediatricians had decided that parents SHOULD talk "baby talk" to their children to help them with their speech although for years parents have been advised against this practice. "Once the baby gives them the cue, however," the panel concluded, "parents should then switch to adult talk."

I would imagine that this occurs when their 2-year-old announces, "Mater, I think it's time we dispensed with this 'sissy-bitzy' type patois and conducted a more adult-level dialogue. Also, I wish that you would ask my friends and relatives to refrain from counting my metatarsals and phalanges in that ridiculous game of 'This little piggy went to market,' etc. Thank you."

Whether the entire medical profession agrees with the latest "baby talk" theory and other current medical beliefs remains to be seen. Nevertheless, I expect the following opposing theories to be advanced (along with a whole-hearted endorsement for Medicare by the AMA):

"Pimples are not caused by eating chocolate candies and greasy foods," Dr. Mortimer H. Snickers announced today at a two-day symposium of the American Academy on Acne. "Our studies show that pimples are probably induced by milk, spinach and leafy vegetables," the panel concluded.

Pabulum is much too mild a food to be introduced as the first solid food for baby," a nutritional council announced today. "Lace it with a spot of burgundy to disguise the taste," doctors advised. "Children can actually get by on four hours' sleep a night," Dr. Denton, nationally recognized leader in children's sleeping habits, wrote in a medical report published today. "It's the parents who need the full eight hours."

And parents were being urged today by national educators to stop talking "baby talk" to their children at the annual meeting of the "Why Johnny Can't Talk" symposium.



BAZAAR TIME FOR ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Next Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. the doors of the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., will be thrown open for the annual Fall Bazaar to be staged by the Torrance Royal Neighbor Camp. White elephants, baked foods and fancy work will be on sale. A card party will begin at 8:15 p.m. with prizes for high scores as well as door prizes. Preparing for the bazaar are, from left, Mrs. Dorothy Maloy, past naclie, crocheting; Mrs. Mary Baker, recorder, at sewing machine; standing, Mrs. Bertha Sharpe, chancellor, is having a sweater fitted by Mrs. Belva Brase, publicity chairman. Proceeds from the bazaar will go to the camp's charities.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Cheryl Peterson New Job's Honored Queen

Miss Cheryl Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petersen of Torrance, has been elected Honored Queen of Bethel 50, Job's Daughters and will be installed at a meeting scheduled for Dec. 3 at the Torrance Masonic Temple.

Officers elected at the Nov. 1 meeting to serve with Miss Petersen were Patti Moore, senior princess, and Linda Watt, junior princess. Billie Ott will be guide and Debbie Fox is marshal. Farewell night was scheduled at the Temple Tuesday evening for the outgoing Honored Queen Barbara Stutler.

Refreshments were planned for the affair and skits were to be presented by

Phyllis Nation, Brenda Watt, Loretta Brase, Patti Martinus, Diane Person, Marsha Bakovic, Gail Morgan, Donna Fenton, Jacki Hizar, Kathy Bennett, Susan Bundy, Cheryl Petersen, Patti Moore, Linda Watt, Billie Ott, and Debbie Fox.

Honored Queen Barbara will be honored again on Sunday when members of the Bethel will attend services at the First Christian Church as a group.

Former Residents Welcome Son

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pennington (Ginger Hayden), now living near Seattle, Wash., announce the arrival of a son, Brian J., on Nov. 1. Parents of the new baby are both graduates of Torrance High School. Mr. Pennington attended Pepperdine College and is now an auditor for the United States Government.

Capture the zestful mood of autumn in your dining table decorations, says the Society of American Florists, by using the many colorful offerings of the season... chrysanthemums and pompons, dried materials, fruit, berried branches, grasses, and grains.

Philharmonic Committee

Harpichord Recital

Members and guests of the Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra will have the all-too-rare experience of hearing a harpichord recital in the intimate atmosphere of the Wallace G. Ginder's Palos Verdes Estates home, 2725 Via Elevado, on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Mrs. Roland L. Amberg, program chairman, will present Dr. Malcolm Hamilton of the UCLA faculty at the 10 a.m. solon, performing works of seventeenth and

eighteenth century composers on his own instrument. Mrs. Peter C. Parfitt, president, will introduce Mr. Joseph N. Salyers, formerly of New York's Lincoln Center and now manager of the Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association, who with his wife will be guests of the Committee.

The coffee hour is being arranged by hospitality co-chairman Mmes. Jason Gale and Herman F. Scheurer, Jr. Presiding at the coffee table will be past president Mrs. J. Glennon Cahill and Mrs. Robert D. Fisher.

Assisting as hostesses will be Mmes. H. T. McCarthy, Daniel E. Robinson, Stanley A. Zimmerman, John Buchanan and Robert G. Bower. Mmes. Charles D. Gustafson and William E. Hosken are in charge of reservations.

Emblem Club Gives \$500 To Retarded

Honored guest at the Gardena Emblem Club's business meeting Nov. 3 was William R. Wiggins, president of the Gardena Valley Association for Mentally Retarded Children. He was presented with a \$500 check for the association by Mrs. Frank Duncan, club president.

The school, located at 13515 S. Vermont Ave., has an enrollment of 32. The land has been purchased and a campaign is under way to build a new school building. The school is now in a converted residential building.

The Emblem Club of Gardena has donated a camera, screen and projector, coats, drapes and cobbler aprons for the students. The club also gives \$15 a month to the school.

Wiggins presented the Emblem Club with an award of appreciation for the assistance given the association.

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